

Docket No. 1948-4757
Serial No. 09/940,981

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 1 and 13 are independent. Claims 1-24 have been allowed. Entry and consideration of this paper are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the application is in condition for allowance except for an informality. Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the originally filed declaration is defective because the residence information for Jean Claude Gasquet and Filipe Videira are not provided.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.67(b)(3), Applicants submit herewith an Application Data Sheet providing complete mailing addresses and residence information for all of the inventors, including Jean Claude Gasquet and Filipe Videira. MPEP 605.02 states that residence information may be included in an Application Data Sheet instead of in the Declaration. Thus, Applicants believe that the original Declaration is no longer deficient and that the Examiner's objection is overcome. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

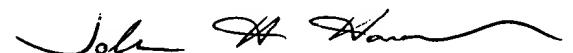
AUTHORIZATION

A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed for covering the fees for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1948-4757.

Respectfully submitted,
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